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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

09/738,623

Applicant(s)

RIZZARDI ET AL.

Examiner

Preeti Kumar

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-32 and 35-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 31,32 and 39 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-30 and 35-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Non-Final Rejection After RCE***

1. Claims 16-32 and 35-39 are pending. Claims 16, 31, 35, 37, 38 are independent.
2. Claims 40-50 are cancelled.

### ***Response to Amendment***

3. The rejection of claims 16-22, 26-28 and 35-38 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bragg (US 4,430,243) is maintained for the reasons recited in the previous office actions and further explained below.
4. The rejection of claims 29-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bragg in view of Kravetz et al. (US 4,025,453) is maintained for the reasons recited in the previous office action and further explained below.
5. The rejection of claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bragg in view of Chapple et al. (US 5,536,441) is maintained for the reasons recited in the previous office action and further explained below.
6. Claims 31-32 and 39 are indicated allowable for the reasons recited in the previous office action dated 10/6/2004.

### ***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments filed January 6, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants urge that Bragg does not teach or suggest NaOH as a constituent in the composition and instead teaches its utility to hydrolyze a polymer. Although, NaOH is not taught as a separate constituent, it is not through hindsight that one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to formulate a composition comprising

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sodium hydroxide in a textile treatment bath composition, since Bragg suggests the utility of sodium hydroxide in a composition for treating textile. Regardless of the reason for the utility of NaOH, the prior art does teach its utility in a composition comprising water, scouring agent, hydrogen peroxide and an activating compound as recited by the instant claims.

### ***Conclusion***

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Preeti Kumar whose telephone number is 571-272-1320. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Examiner Preeti Kumar  
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